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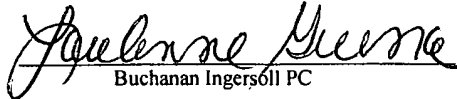
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In re Application of:	:	PATENT APPLICATION
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Hans-Jürgen Schäfer	:	A PROCESS AND AN APPARATUS FOR
	:	COATING PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS
	:	WITH LASER-STRUCTURABLE,
Serial No.: unassigned	:	THERMALLY CURABLE SOLDER STOP
	:	LACQUERS AND ELECTRORESISTS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.